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REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on January 5, 2006 requires restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-40 and 62-65, drawn to apparatus (substrate support), classified in class 118, subclass 728.
- II. Claims 41-61, drawn to method (assembly of substrate support), classified in class 29, subclass 25.01.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect the invention of group I, Claims 1-40 and 62-65.

In addition, since group I is elected, the Office Action further requires an election of one of the following species:

1. Species 1 (Figures 2A-2D): A substrate support assembly employing an elbow shaped retaining member, a shaft with indentation for receiving the retaining member, and a securing member for securing the retaining member in place.
2. Species 2 (Figures 4A and 4B): A substrate support assembly employing a flexible retaining member.
3. Species 3 (Figures 4C and 4D): A substrate support assembly employing a retaining member with part of its length being flexible.
4. Species 4 (Figures 5A-5D): A substrate support assembly employing a retaining member with ears for securing it in a corner defined by two of the spider arms.
5. Species 5 (Figures 6A-6D): A substrate support assembly having a spider arm slot that accepts a retaining member having two prongs configured to straddle a wall portion defined by the slot.
6. Species 6 (Figure 7): A substrate support assembly employing a shaped socket in conjunction with a correspondingly shaped shaft.

In response, Applicants elect species 1 (Figures 2A-2D). Claims readable on species 1 include Claims 1, 4, 6, 9-21, 24-26, 28-31, and 38-40.

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